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OPNAVINST 3121.1C
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OPNAV INSTRUCTION 3121.1C

From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: Distribution of Operation Orders/Plans of Naval Commanders

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5200.19C

1. Purpose. This instruction is promulgated to standardize the distribution of operation orders/plans of Naval Commanders to the Chief of Naval Operations.

2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 3121.1B.

3. Directive. The Chief of Naval Operations requires copies of operation orders/plans of Naval Commanders as follows:

a. Standing operation orders (OPORD) and operation plans (OPLAN) of Fleet and Task Force Commanders and Commanders in operational control of important phases of major fleet exercises - 1 copy to OPNAV (Op-64) and 1 copy to Officer-in-Charge, Navy Liaison, Site R, Fort Ritchie, Maryland 21719.

b. Operation orders/plans other than those above may be forwarded, at the discretion of Commanders concerned, to OPNAV (Op-64). As guidance, however, there is usually no requirement for operation orders/plans of subordinate Commanders when pertinent information has been forwarded to CNO in the directives of their higher operational authorities. In addition, operation orders/plans concerning routine movements, type and refresher or shakedown training exercises are not required.

4. Exemption. The reporting requirement contained in paragraph 3 is exempt from control by paragraph 8.h of reference (a).

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